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**NOTICE OF APPEAL**

SIR:

Applicants hereby appeal the Examiner's decision made in the Final Office Action dated November 24, 2008, finally rejecting claims 9-11, 13-17, and 19-26. Applicants also respectfully request for a **three-month extension of time** in which to file the Notice of Appeal from the Final Office Action of November 24, 2008, for which a response period was set to expire on February 24, 2009. The three-month extended period for response expires on May 24, 2009.

The **\$1,650.00 fee** (37 C.F.R. § 41.20(b)(1) Notice of Appeal fee of \$540 and the extension fee of \$1,110) **is being paid by credit card**.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees required in connection with this communication or arising during the pendency of this application, or to credit any overpayment, to the deposit account of Kenyon & Kenyon LLP, Deposit Account No. **11-0600**.

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